BLM Palm Springs South Coast

Comments submitted by the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division to individual grant applicants should in no way be construed as a guarantee of successful results for the applicant within the competitive grants process or a commitment of funding. Additionally, the lack of comments by the OHMVR Division to any specific applicant does not ensure successful results for the applicant within the competitive grant process or a commitment of funding.

All final applications will be reviewed by the OHMVR Division. The OHMVR Division may, at its sole discretion, decrease the requested amount and eliminate activities pursuant with regulation Section 4970.07.2 (f)(1-5) and for law enforcement projects, regulation Section 4970.15.3(b)(1-5).

Failure by Applicant to respond to any OHMVR Division comment of their preliminary application shall be cause for eliminating that item from the Applicant's application.

If multiple proposed projects are requesting funding for the same deliverable, and multiple projects are successful, only one project will receive funding for the deliverable.

For proposed projects requesting grant funding for snow and/or winter activities. Applicants must ensure the activities and/or equipment requested are not and/or cannot be funded by the OHMVR Division Winter Program (commonly referred to as the Snow Grooming Program).

For proposed projects requesting grant funding for the maintenance of roads and/or trails, note that only roads and/or trails that allow "green sticker" off-highway vehicles are allowed to receive grant funding. Additionally, Applicants may not charge a use fee for vehicles and/or Equipment purchased with OHV Trust Funds, except for fuel and minor maintenance cost.

Applicants are reminded that no grant funds and/or match can be expended or project activities conducted in any land owned or managed by the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

General Evaluation Criteria

- #2 #5, Applicant must verify response by final submission.
- #6 Applicant is advised this question is for OHV Division use only.
- #7b Narrative does not support selection. It is not clear that a majority of the OHV areas are being patrolled on a daily basis.
- #7c #1 narrative does not support the selection "Barriers and/or signing are used to prevent OHV trespass..."
- #10 Narrative does not support the selection. Applicant must provide further detail.
- #11b Narrative does not support the selection. Applicant must identify the specific, Applicant and/or Land Manager initiated, educational events to support selection.

- #12a Applicant must provide a valid URL address.
- #13 Applicant must verify response by final submission.

Ground Operations - NECO

G17-01-13-G01

Project Description

- Applicant must revise the Project Description to clearly identify current year
 Project deliverables in order to justify the items in the Project Cost Estimate.
- A. Staff time spent training are indirect costs of the program.

Project Cost Estimate

- Staff "Resource Specialist", Developing soil conservation plans are not eligible costs.
- Staff "GIS Specialist", Duties appear indirect. Applicant must explain how items are directly related to Ground Operations or move to the Indirect Cost Category.
- Staff "Seasonal employee", Applicant must incorporate the position's job duties and budget the Unit of Measurement by hours vs. months.
- Materials/Supplies "Trafx Counter", Applicant must describe item; include details of item's use in the line item description; incorporate into the Project Description.
- Equipment Purchase "Trafx Counter/Software package", Applicant must describe item; include details of item's use in the line item description; incorporate into the Project Description; and move to the "Other Cost Category".
- Indirect Costs exceed the 15 percent of direct grant costs limit. Applicant must adjust costs appropriately.

Evaluation Criteria

- #2 Narrative does not support "Loss of OHV Opportunity", "Negative impact
 to cultural sites" or "Damage to special-status species..." Applicant must
 provide additional details/examples explaining how selections would be
 accomplished.
- #3 Project Description does not support "Maintaining multi use..." and "Providing varied levels of riding difficulty".
- #4 Narrative does not support the selection. Applicant must explain how the meeting was noticed.
- #6 Narrative does not support the "Protecting water quality", "Protecting special-status species," or "Protecting cultural sites" selections. Applicant must provide examples/details explaining how selections would be accomplished.
- #7 Applicant must verify distributing maps to the public will be a part of this Project.
- #8 Project Description does not support the selections.

Law Enforcement G17-01-13-L01

Needs Assessment

No Comment

Law Enforcement Certification

No Comment

Project Cost Estimate

- Staff Applicant must provide OHV duty descriptors for line items #2 #8 contained in this category.
- Materials / Supplies "UTV and ATV Supplies and Maintenance", Applicant must identify the vehicle makes/models being supported by this expense, if they were purchased with OHV grant funds or other resources, identify what percentage of time the equipment will be used for OHV patrol if equipment was secured with other resources. Applicant will substantiate how flags, storage bags and/or containers are part of OHV enforcement. GPS mounts are an indirect cost. Applicant must provide a cost breakout of all qualifying expenses and move them to the Equipment Use Expenses category.
- Equipment Purchases "1. Enclosed UTV/ATV Trailers", Applicant must provide the dimensions of the requested trailers.
- Indirect Costs "1. Indirect associated cost for the grant", Applicant must provide an hourly break down and positions utilized for this expense.